(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) There is no information for drug Oxadicin injection used in buffalo.

(b) No authentic information and report is available regarding use of Oxadicin injection for increasing the size of vegetables artificially by injecting it in fruit and vegetable plants in the country.

(c) to (e) Question does not arise.

Employment to dependents of the victims of Mumbai blasts

*2. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dependents of the victims of suburban Mumbai rail bomb blasts of 11 July, 2006 to whom Railways have, so far, offered/given employment;

(b) the nature of jobs offered/given;

(c) whether it is a fact that even graduates and post-graduates have been offered only class IV appointments, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether his Ministry would follow a rational policy and give at least class III appointments to graduates and post-graduates; and

(e) by when a decision thereon is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) 108 (One hundred and eight only).

(b) In Group 'D' categories.

(c) and (d) There is no provision in the rules for employment to dependents of victims of accidents/bomb blasts on the Railways in Group 'C' & 'D'. However, Railways in exception to the rules, purely as a humanitarian gesture, heve taken a decision to provide employment to the ward/legal heirs of victims of the Mumbai bomb blast case in Group 'D' categories only.

(e) Does not arise.

Increase of medical facilities

†*3.SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of major Government hospitals functioning in the country;

(b) the number of people getting medical facilities in each hospital in the country and the average of the same in Uttarakhand; and

(c) the details of the steps to be taken to increase the availability of medical facility in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) As on 31.3.2006, 7663 hospitals with 4.92 lakhs beds were functioning in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

country (this includes hospitals of Central Government, State Government, local Government Bodies and Community Health Centres).

(b) The average population served per Government hospital is approximately 1.45 lakhs. The average population served per hospital in the State of Uttarakhand is approximately 78,127.

(c) Various steps have been taken to increase the availability of medical facilities in the Tenth Five Year Plan, which, *inter alia* include evolution and implementation of different models of health care financing at the individual, family, institution and state level; and replication of various models found most suitable for providing essential health care to all levels; facilitating the appropriate interventions to ease the existing funding constraints at all levels of health system and to promote the complete and timely utilization of allocated funds. The details are given in the Tenth Five Year Plan document in Chapter 2.8 and Chapter 2.10.

Bird Flu in Manipur

*4. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are well aware about the bird flu in Manipur State recently;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard and for the prevention of similar flu in other States;

(c) the total number of poultry birds killed and expected to be killed for the protection of such and other birds in the country; and

(d) whether this flu has reached India from China, Tibet or Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has notified the outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) in Manipur on 25th July 2007.

(b) Control and containment measures were initiated immediately to stamp out and prevent the spread of the disease in poultry. The details are at Annexure.

(c) Approximately 3.36 lakh birds have been killed in the control operations till now.

(d) A committee has been set up to assess the source of infection in the outbreak of Avian Influenza in Manipur.

Election to General Body/Delegates of CGECCS Ltd.

*5. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the provisions of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and bye-law No. 23 (ii) of Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd. (Kendriya Bhandar), Board of Directors (BoD) are responsible to conduct election to the general body/delegates within the stipulated period;

(b) whether election to the general body/delegates was conducted in the year 1999 for a period of three years and if so, the reasons for not ensuring the elections when they became due; and